

# CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

### 2012 ADMISSION FEE/TAX

WE RECEIVED CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,292.36 FROM THE READING PHILLIES FOR AUGUST'S ADMISSION FEES/TAXES. .THERE WERE NO PAID EVENTS HELD AT THE SOVEREIGN CENTER AND THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER IN AUGUST. ALSO THIS MONTH, WE RECEIVED \$5,050.04 FROM READING ROYALS HOCKEY FOR AUGUST'S SALES.

THE 2012 BUDGET LIST \$504,000 AS EXPECTED REVENUE.

THE FOLLOWING CHARTS LIST ANNUALLY (2008-2012) THE ADMISSION FEES BY SPORT/VENUE:

ADMISSION FEE/TAX	2008	2009	2010	2011	AUG. 2012
READING PHILS -1 <sup>ST</sup> ENERGY STADIUM	\$85,828.62	\$94,788.30	\$98,219.57	\$104,498.69	\$56,990.62
READING ROYALS - SOVEREIGN CENTER	\$100,129.25	\$55,054.89	\$61,494.30	\$60,719.57	\$40,759.63
OTHER- SOVEREIGN CENTER	\$236,337.38	\$232,589.23	\$252,268.74	\$117,376.12	\$93,261.49
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	\$132,528.70	\$99,602.64	\$100,701.62	\$140,860.56	\$63,282.52
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$554,823.95</b>	<b>\$482,035.06</b>	<b>\$512,684.23</b>	<b>\$423,454.94</b>	<b>\$254,294.26</b>
BUDGETED REVENUE	\$550,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$480,000.00	\$504,000.00
<b>OVER/UNDER BUDGET</b>	<b>\$4,823.95</b>	<b>-\$117,964.94</b>	<b>\$62,684.23</b>	<b>-\$56,545.06</b>	

## **REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX – 1/1/2008 TO 08/31/2012**

THIS IS AN UPDATE ON THE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX RECEIPTS SINCE I LAST REPORTED IN MY AUGUST 27, 2012 REPORT. THIS TAX WAS 1% ('02), 1.5% ('03), 2% ('04-'05), AND 3.5% FOR ('06-'12).

THE FOLLOWING CHART ILLUSTRATES ACTUAL DATA FROM 01/2008 - 08/2012. IN AUGUST 2012 THERE WERE 118 REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TRANSACTIONS, OF WHICH 79 WERE TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS. THE CITY'S PROCEEDS IN AUGUST TOTALLED \$126,717.87. THE CURRENT 2012 BUDGET LISTS \$2,000,000 AS EXPECTED REVENUE.

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
January	88,765.23	90,044.35	159,017.30	148,961.51	652,118.37
February	260,520.16	135,391.03	106,687.67	142,169.66	228,471.03
March	151,719.15	214,724.17	229,645.70	185,351.64	249,460.68
April	142,353.83	156,823.78	393,268.60	258,946.66	546,640.28
May	178,896.46	174,829.49	384,978.30	242,328.73	392,206.10
June	191,760.76	221,457.20	349,449.25	204,198.52	352,496.09
July	155,694.65	121,372.42	222,286.60	182,852.57	267,767.04
August	126,717.87	179,026.81	185,037.44	189,488.42	371,358.83
September	?????????	187,496.67	128,921.23	301,455.52	279,643.32
October	?????????	255,432.51	204,050.03	273,838.88	236,179.13
November	?????????	287,145.90	240,401.03	214,016.65	268,455.35
December	?????????	208,991.89	209,455.28	232,908.94	158,499.81
<b>JAN-AUG.</b>	<b>1,296,428.11</b>	<b>1,293,669.25</b>	<b>2,030,370.86</b>	<b>1,554,297.71</b>	<b>3,060,518.42</b>
<b>Entire Year</b>	<b>?????????</b>	<b>2,232,736.22</b>	<b>2,813,198.43</b>	<b>2,576,517.70</b>	<b>4,003,296.03</b>
Budget	2,000,000.00	2,750,000.00	2,500,000.00	5,000,000.00	7,215,868.00
Over Budget	?????????	<517,263.78>	313,198.43	<2,423,482.30>	<3,212,571.97>

THE FOLLOWING CHARTS LISTS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MONTHLY REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TRANSACTION MINUS NON-TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS TO ARRIVE AT TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN JANUARY 2012 THERE WERE 108 TRANSACTIONS MINUS 36 NON-TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS, WHICH LEAVES 72 TAXABLE TRANSACTIONS.

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
J	108-36=72	101-44=57	145-54=91	123-55=68	213-67=146
F	103-36=67	126-49=77	103-37=66	137-44=93	190-51=139
M	179-56=123	144-43=101	212-67=145	167-47=120	174-47=127
A	159-41=118	121-31=90	193-59=134	163-54=109	282-62=220
M	160-35=125	168-52=116	208-73=135	169-40=129	225-46=179
J	150-57=93	175-39=136	185-51=134	171-60=111	213-56=157
J	148-52=96	127-48=79	149-44=105	161-62=99	201-48=153
A	118-39=79	153-39=114	161-55=106	141-48=93	195-53=142
S		141-40=101	114-31=83	137-39=98	183-50=133
O		181-52=129	201-72=129	219-67=152	184-64=120
N		149-31=118	120-33=87	175-65=110	156-55=101
D		172-61=111	153-45=108	163-44=119	134-39=95
T		1758-529=1229	1944-621=1323	1926-625=1301	2350-638=1712

## **9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICE**

I, ALONG WITH MANY CITIZENS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MAYOR VAUGHN SPENCER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRANCIS ACOSTA AND COUNCILMAN STRATTON MARMAROU, ATTENDED THE SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD IN CITY PARK.

SPEAKERS INCLUDED FIRE CHIEF DAVID HOLLINGER, IAFF LOCAL 1803 PRESIDENT MICHAEL SHOURLISKY, MAYOR SPENCER AND MINISTER LIONEL CARTER.

A MEMORIAL TREE WAS REDEDICATED ALONG WITH A MARKER, STONE, AND BENCHES.

A MEDAL CEREMONY FOR READING'S FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS BRAVERY IN THE LINE OF DUTY WAS ALSO HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 9-11 SERVICES.

## **RECYCLING GRANT**

ON 09/14/12, WE RECEIVED A D.E.P. ACT 101 RECYCLING **PERFORMANCE GRANT** FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,132. THE RECYCLING PERFORMANCE GRANT IS BASED ON A FORMULA INVOLVING THE VOLUME OF MATERIAL KEPT OUT OF LANDFILLS AND RECYCLED FOR FURTHER RE-USE FROM BOTH COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SOURCES AND POPULATION TOTALS.

THE FOLLOWING CHART ILLUSTRATES **PERFORMANCE GRANTS** FOR RECYCLING FOR THE YEARS 2000 THROUGH 2012:

YEAR	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
2012	100,000	86,132	<13,868>
2011	200,000	149,951	<50,049>
2010	200,000	203,502	2,502
2009	275,000	299,260	24,260
2008	0	0	0
2007	173,000	149,233	<23,767>
2006	193,000	176,004	<16,996>
2005	136,347	173,479	37,132
2004	136,347	137,530	1,183
2003	150,000	142,865	<7,135>
2002	175,000	136,919	<38,081>
2001	150,000	168,349	18,349
2000	150,000	205,287	55,287

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHARLIE JONES: PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, FRANK DENBOWSKI: RECYCLING MANAGER, GEOFFREY ZOLNA: SOLID WASTE COORDINATOR AND CINDY DEGROOTE: GRANTS COORDINATOR FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PREPARING THE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND OBTAINING THESE VALUABLE FUNDS FOR THE CITY'S RECYCLING PROGRAM.

## **STATE AID RECEIPT- PENSION 2012**

ON 09/21/12, THE CITY OF READING RECEIVED A WIRE TRANSFER DEPOSIT FROM THE STATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,689,235.00 FOR AID TO THE THREE (3) CITY PENSION FUNDS PER THE BELOW LISTED CHART. THE TOTAL MMO (MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION) FOR 2012 IS \$7,055,581.00. THE DIFFERENCE (\$4,366,346) MUST BE PAID BY DECEMBER 31, 2012.

I WILL HAVE IN MY NEXT REPORT TO COUNCIL THE 2013 MMO AMOUNTS PLUS THE ESTIMATED STATE AID FOR 2013 FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. I WILL ALSO PREPARE A TEN YEAR HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF OUR PENSION MMO'S AND STATE AID.

2012 MMO	AMOUNT DUE	ESTIMATED STATE AID SPLIT	BALANCE DUE 12/31/12
POLICE PENSION	3,663,429	896,412	2,767,017
FIRE PENSION	1,903,883	896,412	1,007,471
O & E PENSION	1,488,269	896,411	594,158
TOTAL	7,055,581	2,689,235	4,366,346

## **AUDIT COORDINATOR**

IT IS WITH MUCH SADNESS THAT I AM ANNOUNCING THE RESIGNATION OF MARIA RODRIGUEZ; CITY AUDIT COORDINATOR, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012.

MARIA STARTED WITH THE CITY IN APRIL 2000 AND IS A LOYAL, DEDICATED, EXPERIENCED AND EFFICIENT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE. MARIA HAS ACCEPTED A JOB OFFER AS AN AUDITOR WITH THE COUNTY OF BERKS IN COUNTY CONTROLLER SANDY GRAFFIUS' OFFICE.

MARIA, THE ONLY OTHER EMPLOYEE IN THE TWO (2) PERSON CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, AND I WORKED TOGETHER EXTREMELY WELL ON MANY AUDITS, PROJECTS, REPORTS AND BUDGETS DURING HER TWELVE (12) PLUS YEAR TENURE HERE IN THE CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

IT WAS A PRIVILEGE AND PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU MARIA.BEST WISHES IN THE NEXT PHASE OF YOUR CAREER. YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED.